

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 7, line 19-21, please change to read as follows:

b1 "FIG. 4(a) is a plan view showing the bendable bottom member as a whole in which the
~~an extended state is shown on the right side of the center line while the shortened state is shown on~~
~~the left side of the center line.~~

FIG. 4(b) is a plan view showing the bendable bottom member in a shortended state."

Page 8, last paragraph, please change it to read as follows:

b7 "To describe in reference to Figs. 4(a) and (b) through 12, the bendable bottom member
9 of this invention is constituted by a plurality of bars 20 (20, 20, ...) bendably connected with each
other to allow the whole extent thereof to be extended and shortened and to be curved. One of every
adjacent two of the bars 20 is provided with a plurality of longitudinal connecting protrusions 21 in
the transverse direction on one face a of the bar facing the adjacent bar while recesses 22 for
accepting the respective connecting protrusions are formed in the corresponding face b of the
adjacent bar."